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Deputies' Meeting

Friday, 16 January 1953

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PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wolf, Becker, Hedden, Helms, []

General Smith noted that the people who had assessed the "Russian doctors dilemma" had left out a few things and stated that (1) there was a great deal of rumor in Moscow at the time of Zhdanov's death regarding the reason therefor; (2) in his opinion, the anti-Semitic angle was predominant; (3) we should not lose sight of the struggle for power which continually goes on in Russia.

Mr. Dulles stated that he had received a call from [] suggesting that the Soviet Embassy here be picketed on behalf of the "Russian doctors". D/DCI went on to say that he had advised [] that this was not our "cup of tea". The Director concurred []

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Mr. Wolf reported that the Executive Order approving the National Security Medal was on the President's desk for signature. The Director noted that when finally approved this medal could be awarded for service involving great risk and/or outstanding service.

Mr. Helms:

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a. Drew the Director's attention to the status of the [] case.

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c. Reported that DD/P had met with Messrs. [] who strongly recommended that [] Mr. Dulles noted his concurrence. The Director stated that on balance we would have to take a calculated risk in this matter and asked Mr. Helms to advise the appropriate authorities in State to put their request in writing to CIA and he (DCI) would send it along to Secretary Finletter.

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Mr. Becker:

a. Stated that [] had been requested to speak at the University of Notre Dame on a subject of his own choice and suggested that he pattern his talk along the lines of the one given by Bill Jackson on several occasions while he was DDCI. The Director stated there was no objection provided Sontag complied with Agency security procedures.

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Mr. Becker (Cont'd.)

b. Noted that concurrence on the Summary Evaluation paper had finally been received from the FBI after a good deal of pulling and tugging on the part of Mr. Amory and much to the distress of Mr. Papich.



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